

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**1.) Claim Amendments**

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 14, 17, 20, and 21. Claims 2, 7, 9-13, 15, 16, 19, and 24-29 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-6, 8, 14, 17, 18, and 20-23 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

**2.) Allowable Subject Matter**

In telephone conferences with attorney Sidney Weatherford on November 28, 2007 and with attorney Steven W. Smith on February 4, 2008, Examiner Seye stated that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 9-13, and corresponding method claim 17 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 19 and 24-26.

The Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of dependent claims 9-13, and claims 9-13 have been canceled. Therefore, the allowance of amended claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-6, 8, and 14 depend from amended claim 1 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 1. Therefore, the allowance of claims 3-6, 8, and 14 is respectfully requested.

The Applicant has amended independent claim 17 to include the limitations of dependent claims 19 and 24-26, and claims 19 and 24-26 have been canceled. Therefore, the allowance of amended claim 17 is respectfully requested.

Claims 18 and 20-23 depend from amended claim 17 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 17. Therefore, the allowance of claims 18 and 20-23 is respectfully requested.

**3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cezary Dubnicki et al ("Software Support

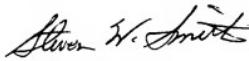
for Virtual Memory-Mapped Communication", 1996, pages 372-381) in view of Morris, et al. (US 7,007,157). This rejection has been rendered moot in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter above and the Applicant's amendments.

**4.) Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-6, 8, 14, 17, 18, and 20-23.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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